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In re Application of:

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For DIAGNOSTIC MEDICAL ULTRASOUND  
SYSTEM COMMUNICATION NETWORK  
ARCHITECTURE AND METHOD

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1. Discuss the following claim limitations with regards to the Mullen reference:
  - a. "identifying, automatically by a first device of said plurality of diagnostic medical imaging devices, a second device of said plurality of diagnostic medical imaging devices available for communication via said network" as claimed in claim 1;
  - b. "identification logic operative to periodically identify, via said network, said first diagnostic medical imaging device to other diagnostic medical imaging devices coupled with said network and receive a response therefrom, said identification logic being further operative to recognize other diagnostic medical imaging devices which identify themselves to said first diagnostic medical imaging device" as claimed in claim 7;
  - c. "each of said plurality of diagnostic medical imaging devices being operative to automatically discover at least one other of said plurality of diagnostic medical imaging devices via said network and facilitate communications therebetween" as claimed in claim 12; and
  - d. "wherein each of said plurality of diagnostic medical imaging devices comprises means for automatically discovering at least one other of said plurality of diagnostic medical imaging devices via said network and facilitating communications therebetween" as claimed in claim 16.